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SUBJECT: ISRAELI LEAKS OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO THE
PRIME MINISTER

REF: (A) STATE 300793

(B) TEL AVIV 8106

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN BY NOW THE DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
MAN'S COMMENT AT THE NOON BRIEFING DECEMBER 22 AND THE SUB-
SEQUENT CORRECTION OF THE RECORD (REF A).

2. RE YOUR SUGGESTION REGARDING OUR POSITION ON THE SUB-
STANCE OF THE MATTER (PARA 2 REF B), THE FOLLOWING
EXCHANGE OCCURRED AT SECRETARY PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 23:

Q. MR. SECRETARY, CAN WE SWITCH TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A
MINUTE AND ASK YOU IF THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED THE RABIN
GOVERNMENT NOT TO ALLOW FURTHER SETTLEMENTS IN THE GOLAN
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HEIGHTS, OR, INDEED, IF THE UNITED STATES HAS SUGGESTED

ANYTHING IN THIS REGARD TO THE RABIN GOVERNMENT?

A. I DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES. IT HAS BEEN OUR GENERAL POLICY TO POINT OUT THAT THE CREATION OF NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND ELSEWHERE COMPLICATES THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. AND WE HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

BOTH ANSWERS MAKE THE POINT YOU DESIRE, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND WE SUGGEST YOU USE THEM IN ANSWERING PRESS QUERIES. KISSINGER

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